Ecclesiastes
Dates: 27 – 30 April 2016
(Class meets on Wed – Fri.8.00am – 6.00pm, and Sat.8.00am – 1.00pm)

Venue: STM Campus

This is an Elective course offered by STM under the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program which is a part-time modular study program. For more info, check our website under Academic on the Menu page.

Peter H. W. Lau (PhD, University of Sydney) has been teaching at STM since 2010. He has written books on Ruth and Ezekiel, with a book on Psalms and another on Ruth forthcoming. He is not just interested in how an Old Testament book is understood within its historical, cultural and literary contexts, but also within the story arc of the whole Bible with Jesus as the midpoint and endpoint of this narrative, since this holistic understanding is essential for Christian life and ministry.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

‘Vanity of vanities! All is vanity.’ --The Preacher.
'Solomon wrote Song of Solomon in his youth, Proverbs in his maturity, and Qoheleth in his senility.' --Ancient rabbi.

What are we to make of Ecclesiastes? Some of us might find this book's message too quirky, too unnerving, too depressing, so that we reject it as inappropriate for Christians. Others of us might find that we resonate with the book's musings on the stark realities of life, the vanity of toil and wealth, and the looming spectre of death. In this course we will wrestle with this text as God’s word to us. We will seek to understand its wisdom within the sweep of the Old Testament as well as in light of the coming of Jesus.

Closing Date: 13 April 2016
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